

REQUESTS FOR FY 2006 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

REQUESTS FOR FY 2006 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR
THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE, DEFENSE,
HOMELAND SECURITY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
INTERIOR, JUSTICE, VETERANS AFFAIRS, THE CORPS OF ENGI-
NEERS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, THE GEN-
ERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND THE SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION



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Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER. Hurricane Katrina was one of the worst natural disasters in our Nation's history. Katrina devastated an area roughly the size of Great Britain. This devastation has required an unprecedented response by Federal, State, and local governments, as well as the private sector. So far, the Federal Government has committed more than \$87 billion in spending and \$8 billion in tax relief for the people of the Gulf Coast and New Orleans.

To provide additional resources to assist the region in its recovery, I ask Congress to consider the enclosed requests, totaling \$19.8 billion. This request includes critical funding to: replenish the Department of Homeland Security's Disaster Relief Fund in support of ongoing response efforts; support the Small Business Administration's Disaster Loan program; provide funding for the Community Development Block Grant program to support Louisiana's flood mitigation plans; achieve my commitment through the Corps of Engineers for stronger and better levee protection for New Orleans; and continue rebuilding of the region's Federal infrastructure.

I urge the Congress to act expeditiously on this request to ensure that the Federal response and recovery efforts continue uninterrupted. I designate this proposal in the amount requested herein as an emergency requirement.

The details of this request are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

Enclosure.

Estimate No. 2, 109th Cong., 2nd Sess.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, February 16, 2006.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

On September 2, 2005, you signed into law Public Law 109–61, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Meet Immediate Needs Arising From the Consequences of Hurricane Katrina, which provided \$10.5 billion in emergency supplemental funds for hurricane-related disaster relief. On September 8, 2005, you signed into law Public Law 109–62, the Second Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Meet Immediate Needs Arising From the Consequences of Hurricane Katrina, which provided \$51.8 billion in emergency supplemental funds for hurricane-related disaster relief. On December 30, 2005, you signed into law Public Law 109–148, the Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006, which included an additional \$28.6 billion to allow recovery efforts to continue through March 2006. Of this amount, \$23.4 billion was offset by a reallocation from the Department of Homeland Security’s Disaster Relief Fund.

Federal response and recovery efforts have been extensive and the rebuilding in the Gulf Coast continues. To further our efforts to respond to the significant needs of hurricane-affected States and proceed uninterrupted with recovery and reconstruction activities underway, I submit for your consideration FY 2006 proposals, totaling \$19.8 billion. I recommend that you designate the proposals contained in this transmittal as emergency requirements.

As described below and in more detail in the enclosures, the requests include the following:

Department of Agriculture

- \$55 million is requested for the Department of Agriculture, of which \$25 million would be used to provide for continued alternate worksite and equipment costs, as well as facility repair associated with the National Finance Center. Also, included in this funding is \$20 million for the restoration of the Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans and \$10 million to allow the Natural Resources Conservation Service to purchase floodplain easements on impaired lands in order to restore the floodplains to prevent future losses.

Department of Commerce

- \$32.8 million is requested for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), of which \$11.8 million is for rebuilding a damaged NOAA science center that provides necessary

scientific support for fisheries management in the Gulf, and \$21.0 million is to provide assessments and assistance to restore fishery resources and implement sustainable approaches to fishery redevelopment in the Gulf.

Department of Defense

- \$1.8 billion is requested for the Department of Defense, of which \$1.05 billion would be used to replace destroyed or damaged equipment for Navy ships and fund related workforce costs at Gulf Coast shipyards. The request also includes \$405 million for the planning, design and construction of military facilities and infrastructure in Louisiana and Mississippi damaged or destroyed by the high winds and flooding associated with the Gulf hurricanes; \$288 million for facility repair and restoration and refurbishment of collateral equipment at installations and regional facilities, as well as personal property claims at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi (for damage to Servicemember furniture, vehicles, and other items not covered by private insurance); and \$69 million to cover increased housing allowances to cover higher housing costs for Servicemembers in hurricane-affected areas.

Department of Homeland Security

- \$9.9 billion is requested for the Department of Homeland Security, of which \$9.4 billion is for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund to support current relief efforts under the Stafford Act. This funding will support ongoing response efforts, including assistance to families and individuals requiring shelter, medical care, housing assistance, and other disaster assistance benefits. Funding will also support improvement of public alert, warning, and crisis communication systems in the Gulf; provide for public assistance, emergency protective measures, and debris removal; support continuing government-wide investigation and audit activities; and ensure ongoing response and relief efforts continue uninterrupted.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- \$4.4 billion is requested for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, of which \$4.2 billion would be used for the Community Development Block Grant program for flood mitigation through infrastructure improvements, real property acquisition or relocation, and other means to reduce the risk of future damages and loss in Louisiana. An additional \$202 million is provided for housing vouchers under the tenant-based rental assistance account for approximately 44,000 families that were in HUD assisted housing or homeless in the areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita prior to the disasters. These funds will cover the remaining 5 months of an 18-month housing assistance program.

Department of the Interior

- \$216 million is requested for facility clean-up and repair needs for Gulf Coast sites of the United States Geological Survey, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service, and for relocation and recovery costs associated with the Minerals Management Service Gulf of Mexico regional office.

Department of Justice

- \$9.7 million is requested for the United States Attorneys, and for the United States Attorneys to reimburse other components, for costs associated with additional caseload and other prosecutorial and investigative costs related to the aftermath of the 2005 hurricanes.

Department of Veterans Affairs

- \$600 million is requested to replace the medical center in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Corps of Engineers

- \$1.5 billion is requested to strengthen and improve flood protection for greater New Orleans and surrounding areas. The proposed measures will address the main causes of the catastrophic flooding during Hurricane Katrina. Of this amount, \$1.4 billion is included for closure of three interior drainage canals and installation of pump stations and floodgates at the lakefront; storm-proofing authorized Federal pump stations so they can remain operable during hurricanes, storms, and high water events; armoring critical portions of the levee system in New Orleans; improving protection along the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal; and incorporating certain non-Federal levees into the existing Federal levee system. The request also includes \$100 million to reduce the risk of storm damage to the greater New Orleans metropolitan area by restoring the surrounding wetlands.

Environmental Protection Agency

- \$13 million is requested for increased environmental monitoring, assessment, and analytical support necessary to protect public health during ongoing recovery and reconstruction efforts, and to address the most immediate underground storage tank needs in areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

General Services Administration

- \$37 million is requested to support short- and long-term repair and alterations of Federal buildings in the Gulf Coast that received significant water and wind damage as a result of the 2005 hurricanes.

Small Business Administration

- \$1.3 billion is requested for the Disaster Loan Program for credit subsidy and administrative funds to make loans to homeowners, renters, and businesses to cover disaster recovery costs.

Sincerely,

JOSHUA B. BOLTEN,
Director.

Enclosures.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

For an additional amount for “Working Capital Fund” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$25,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$25 million to the National Finance Center to cover additional costs incurred due to Hurricane Katrina. Damaged facilities in New Orleans and necessary alternate work-sites and equipment resulted in higher than anticipated costs. Personnel costs, however, were lower than anticipated because staff was able to return to New Orleans earlier than expected.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For an additional amount for “Buildings and Facilities” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$20 million for the restoration of the Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans, Louisiana.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for “Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations” for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, \$10,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008, for the purchase of easements on floodplain lands in disaster areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$10 million to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to purchase floodplain easements on impaired lands in disaster areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes that occurred in 2005. Under the floodplain easement program, a landowner voluntarily sells a permanent conservation easement to NRCS and, in return for a payment for the agricultural value of the parcel, foregoes future cropping and development on the land. NRCS restores the natural features and characteristics of the floodplain to generate public benefits, such as in-

creased flood protection and reduced need for future public disaster assistance.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES

For an additional amount for “Operations, Research, and Facilities” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$21,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$21 million for assessment of fishery resources and contaminant level monitoring; mapping to assist debris removal from fishing grounds and assess coastal hazard risks; oyster bed rehabilitation; and accelerated development of limited access and other market-based management approaches to promote economically sustainable fisheries.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Procurement, Acquisition and Construction” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$11,800,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$11.8 million to complete the repair and reconstruction of a damaged National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration science center that provides necessary scientific support for fisheries management in the Gulf.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY

For an additional amount for “Military Personnel, Army” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$2,125,000: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request provides for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) increases for active members who live in housing areas that were impacted by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. There are two parts to the BAH adjustments. First, general BAH rates increased significantly on January 1, 2006, due to the changes in hurricane-

affected housing markets. Second, Section 609 of the FY 2006 National Defense Authorization Act authorized payment of up to an additional 20 percent of the base BAH levels for areas impacted by the hurricanes. Approximately 300 members in New Orleans, Louisiana; Gulfport, Mississippi; and Pascagoula, Mississippi, started receiving the increased base allowance effective January 1, 2006. An additional 800 members in 14 Military Housing Areas in hurricane affected areas are projected to receive additional payments under the new authority. In total, approximately 1,100 members are projected to receive increased allowances.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVY

For an additional amount for “Military Personnel, Navy” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$22,002,000: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request provides for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) increases for active members who live in housing areas that were impacted by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. There are two parts to the BAH adjustments. First, general BAH rates increased significantly on January 1, 2006, due to the changes in hurricane-affected housing markets. Second, Section 609 of the FY 2006 National Defense Authorization Act authorized payment of up to an additional 20 percent of the base BAH levels for areas impacted by the hurricanes. Approximately 4,500 members in New Orleans, Louisiana; Gulfport, Mississippi; and Pascagoula, Mississippi, started receiving the increased base allowance effective January 1, 2006. An additional 900 members in 14 Military Housing Areas in hurricane affected areas are projected to receive additional payments under the new authority. In total, approximately 5,400 members are projected to receive increased allowances.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

MILITARY PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for “Military Personnel, Marine Corps” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$3,992,000: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request provides for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) increases for active members who live in housing areas that were impacted by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. There are two parts to the BAH adjustments. First, general BAH rates increased significantly on January 1, 2006, due to the changes in hurricane-affected housing markets. Second, Section 609 of the FY 2006 Na-

tional Defense Authorization Act authorized payment of up to an additional 20 percent of the base BAH levels for areas impacted by the hurricanes. Approximately 700 members in New Orleans, Louisiana; Gulfport, Mississippi; and Pascagoula, Mississippi, started receiving the increased base allowance effective January 1, 2006. An additional 800 members in 14 Military Housing Areas in hurricane affected areas are projected to receive additional payments under the new authority. In total, approximately 1,500 members are projected to receive increased allowances.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

MILITARY PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Military Personnel, Air Force” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$21,610,000: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request provides for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) increases for active members who live in housing areas that were impacted by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. There are two parts to the BAH adjustments. First, general BAH rates increased significantly on January 1, 2006, due to the changes in hurricane-affected housing markets. Second, Section 609 of the FY 2006 National Defense Authorization Act authorized payment of up to an additional 20 percent of the base BAH levels for areas impacted by the hurricanes. Approximately 2,900 members in New Orleans, Louisiana; Gulfport, Mississippi; and Pascagoula, Mississippi, started receiving the increased base allowance effective January 1, 2006. An additional 10,300 members in 14 Military Housing Areas in hurricane affected areas are projected to receive additional payments under the new authority. In total, approximately 13,200 members are projected to receive increased allowances.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

RESERVE PERSONNEL, ARMY

For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel, Army” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$4,071,000: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request provides for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) increases for Reserve members who live in housing areas that were impacted by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. There are two parts to the BAH adjustments. First, general BAH rates increased significantly on January 1, 2006, due to the changes in hurricane-affected housing markets. Second, Section 609 of the FY 2006 National Defense Authorization Act authorized payment of up

to an additional 20 percent of the base BAH levels for areas impacted by the hurricanes. Approximately 200 members in New Orleans, Louisiana; Gulfport, Mississippi; and Pascagoula, Mississippi, started receiving the increased base allowance effective January 1, 2006. An additional 5,700 members in 14 Military Housing Areas in hurricane affected areas are projected to receive additional payments under the new authority. In total, approximately 5,900 members are projected to receive increased allowances.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

RESERVE PERSONNEL, NAVY

For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel, Navy” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$10,200,000: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request provides for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) increases for Reserve members who live in housing areas that were impacted by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. There are two parts to the BAH adjustments. First, general BAH rates increased significantly on January 1, 2006, due to the changes in hurricane-affected housing markets. Second, Section 609 of the FY 2006 National Defense Authorization Act authorized payment of up to an additional 20 percent of the base BAH levels for areas impacted by the hurricanes. Approximately 1,400 members in New Orleans, Louisiana; Gulfport, Mississippi; and Pascagoula, Mississippi, started receiving the increased base allowance effective January 1, 2006. An additional 4,700 members in 14 Military Housing Areas in hurricane affected areas are projected to receive additional payments under the new authority. In total, approximately 6,100 members are projected to receive increased allowances.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

RESERVE PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel, Marine Corps” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$2,176,000: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request provides for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) increases for Reserve members who live in housing areas that were impacted by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. There are two parts to the BAH adjustments. First, general BAH rates increased significantly on January 1, 2006, due to the changes in hurricane-affected housing markets. Second, Section 609 of the FY

2006 National Defense Authorization Act authorized payment of up to an additional 20 percent of the base BAH levels for areas impacted by the hurricanes. Approximately 300 members in New Orleans, Louisiana; Gulfport, Mississippi; and Pascagoula, Mississippi, started receiving the increased base allowance effective January 1, 2006. An additional 600 members in 14 Military Housing Areas in hurricane affected areas are projected to receive additional payments under the new authority. In total, approximately 900 members are projected to receive increased allowances.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

RESERVE PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel, Air Force” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$94,000: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request provides for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) increases for Reserve members who live in housing areas that were impacted by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. There are two parts to the BAH adjustments. First, general BAH rates increased significantly on January 1, 2006, due to the changes in hurricane-affected housing markets. Second, Section 609 of the FY 2006 National Defense Authorization Act authorized payment of up to an additional 20 percent of the base BAH levels for areas impacted by the hurricanes. Approximately 10 members in New Orleans, Louisiana; Gulfport, Mississippi; and Pascagoula, Mississippi, started receiving the increased base allowance effective January 1, 2006. An additional 30 members in 14 Military Housing Areas in hurricane affected areas are projected to receive additional payments under the new authority. In total, approximately 40 members are projected to receive increased allowances.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, ARMY

For an additional amount for “National Guard Personnel, Army” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$1,304,000: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request provides for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) increases for National Guard members who live in housing areas that were impacted by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. There are two parts to the BAH adjustments. First, general BAH rates increased significantly on January 1, 2006, due to the changes in hurricane-affected housing markets. Second, Section 609 of the FY 2006 National Defense Authorization Act authorized payment of up

to an additional 20 percent of the base BAH levels for areas impacted by the hurricanes. Approximately 200 members in New Orleans, Louisiana; Gulfport, Mississippi; and Pascagoula, Mississippi, started receiving the increased base allowance effective January 1, 2006. An additional 300 members in 14 Military Housing Areas in hurricane affected areas are projected to receive additional payments under the new authority. In total, approximately 500 members are projected to receive increased allowances.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “National Guard Personnel, Air Force” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$1,408,000: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request provides for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) increases for National Guard members who live in housing areas that were impacted by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. There are two parts to the BAH adjustments. First, general BAH rates increased significantly on January 1, 2006, due to the changes in hurricane-affected housing markets. Second, Section 609 of the FY 2006 National Defense Authorization Act authorized payment of up to an additional 20 percent of the base BAH levels for areas impacted by the hurricanes. Approximately 200 members in New Orleans, Louisiana; Gulfport, Mississippi; and Pascagoula, Mississippi, started receiving the increased base allowance effective January 1, 2006. An additional 500 members in 14 Military Housing Areas in hurricane affected areas are projected to receive additional payments under the new authority. In total, approximately 700 members are projected to receive increased allowances.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Navy” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$29,913,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund Navy activities in support of relief and recovery efforts at Department of Defense installations impacted by the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico during 2005. The proposal includes the necessary resources to cover costs associated with facility repair and restoration, and repair, replacement, and refurbishment of collateral equipment.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$37,359,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund Air Force activities in support of relief and recovery efforts in the aftermath of the 2005 hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico. This request includes the necessary resources to finance costs associated with facility repair and restoration, and repair and replacement of collateral equipment. It also includes costs for personal property claims at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Navy Reserve” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$12,755,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund Navy Reserve activities in response to hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. This proposal includes funding for recovery activities at Naval Air Station and the Joint Reserve Base in Louisiana. This request will fund collateral equipment repair, facility repair, and restoration at regional facilities.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force Reserve” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$1,277,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund Air Force Reserve activities in support of relief efforts for hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. This request includes necessary resources to finance the temporary duty costs associated with working at alternate sites and for the replacement of furniture that was damaged beyond repair.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$42,307,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund Army National Guard activities in support of recovery efforts for hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. This request funds repairs at various sites in Mississippi and Louisiana. This request includes the necessary resources to cover costs associated with facility repair and restoration and repair of collateral equipment.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

For an additional amount for “Defense Health Program” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$33,881,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund the estimated incremental cost for Defense Health Program activities in support of relief and recovery activities due to damage caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This request funds health care for active duty personnel and Department of Defense beneficiaries who previously received care at Keesler Medical Center and now are receiving health care, dental care (active duty only), and pharmaceuticals through the private sector care contracts.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PROCUREMENT

OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY

For an additional amount for “Other Procurement, Army” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$9,136,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund efforts to replace information technology systems at Army National Guard facilities in Mississippi and Louisiana damaged by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PROCUREMENT

AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY

For an additional amount for “Aircraft Procurement, Navy” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$579,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund the replacement of aircraft calibration equipment damaged by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PROCUREMENT

AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Aircraft Procurement, Air Force” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$13,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund the replacement pods on F-16 and F-15 aircraft. These pods are required to communicate with new Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation Systems at Gulfport Air National Guard training ranges.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PROCUREMENT

PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY

For an additional amount for “Procurement of Ammunition, Army” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$700,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund the continuation of facility repair to the Mississippi Ammunition plant. The request includes miscellaneous items such as roofing materials, window glass, and generators.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PROCUREMENT

PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for “Procurement of Ammunition, Navy and Marine Corps” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005

season, \$899,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund the replacement of ammunition damaged by water, including Other Ship Gun Ammunition, Pyrotechnic/Demolition items, Small Arms and Landing Party Ammunition, 5"/54 Ammunition, and Intermediate Caliber Gun Ammunition.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PROCUREMENT

OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY

For an additional amount for "Other Procurement, Navy" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$85,040,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund the replacement of base communication infrastructure at various installations located in the Gulf Coast region, information technology systems located at the SPAWAR Systems Center and Naval Station in New Orleans, and military construction support equipment for projects in the Gulf Coast region. Funds would also be used to procure an uninterruptible power supply and generator to provide a backup power supply for the military construction project P013K at Stennis Space Center, Mississippi.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PROCUREMENT

PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for "Procurement, Defense-Wide" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$2,797,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund the replacement of equipment destroyed by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. The request includes funds for the replacement of Special Operations Command combatant craft, associated communications gear, generators, and an intrusion detection system.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PROCUREMENT

SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY

For an additional amount for “Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$1,025,236,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010, which shall be available for transfer within this account to replace destroyed or damaged equipment, prepare and recover naval vessels under contract; and provide for cost adjustments for naval vessels for which funds have been previously appropriated: Provided, That this transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense shall, not fewer than 15 days prior to making transfers within this appropriation, notify the congressional defense committees in writing of the details of any such transfer: Provided further, That the Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide resources to replace destroyed or damaged equipment and related shipyard workforce costs at Gulf Coast shipyards impacted by hurricanes in the Gulf Coast region in 2005. This request also includes funding to replace contractor furnished equipment for other Navy ship programs damaged or destroyed at vendors located in the Gulf Coast region and for associated overhead impacts resulting from the equipment delivery delays.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, NAVY

For an additional amount for “Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$12,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide funding to replace contractor furnished equipment for Littoral Combat Ships damaged or destroyed at vendors located in the Gulf Coast region. The request would also fund costs associated with labor disruption resulting from equipment delivery delays, material cost increases, and other delay and disruption costs.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$6,250,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund the costs to repair, restore, and replace hurricane-damaged equipment and facilities used for development and test activities at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for “Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$730,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund the costs for a classified project damaged by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Navy” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$53,430,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010: Provided, That such funds may be obligated or expended for planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund the planning, design, and construction of facilities and infrastructure to Navy installations in Mississippi that were damaged beyond repair as a result of the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Air Force” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$111,240,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010: Provided, That such funds may be obligated or expended for planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund the planning, design and construction of facilities and infrastructure at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi that were damaged beyond repair as a result the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVAL RESERVE

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Naval Reserve” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$24,270,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010: Provided, That such funds may be obligated or expended for planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose: Provided further, That the amounts appropriated under this heading in the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and Pandemic Influenza, 2006 (Div. B, P.L. 109–148) shall remain available until September 30, 2010.

This request would fund the planning, design, and construction of replacement facilities and infrastructure projects located in New Orleans and damaged by the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. Public Law 109–148, made all (except for Naval Reserve and Army National Guard) military construction appropriations available for new obligations until 2010. This proposal would make the military construction funds appropriated in Public Law 109–148 for this account available until September 30, 2010.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Army National Guard” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$210,071,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010: Pro-

vided, That such funds may be obligated or expended for planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose: Provided further, That the amounts appropriated under this heading in the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and Pandemic Influenza, 2006 (Div. B, P.L. 109–148) shall remain available until September 30, 2010.

This request would fund the planning, design, and construction of replacement facilities and infrastructure projects at various locations in Louisiana and Mississippi damaged beyond repair by the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. Public Law 109–148 made all (except for Naval Reserve and Army National Guard) military construction appropriations available for new obligations until 2010. This language would make the military construction funds appropriated in Public Law 109–148 for this account available until September 30, 2010.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR GUARD

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Air Guard” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$5,800,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010: Provided, That such funds may be obligated or expended for planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund the planning, design and construction of replacement facilities located in Mississippi that were damaged beyond repair by the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

REVOLVING AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS

DEFENSE WORKING CAPITAL FUND

For an additional amount for “Defense Working Capital Fund” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$1,222,000, to remain available until September 30, 2006: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund transportation costs related to hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005 for Defense Logistics Agency offices to distribute excess property in support of relief efforts (\$0.8 million). The request would also fund the replacement of shelf stock destroyed by Hurricane Katrina for the Defense Commissary Agency (\$0.4 million).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

REVOLVING AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS

NATIONAL DEFENSE SEALIFT FUND

For an additional amount for “National Defense Sealift Fund” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide funding to replace contractor furnished equipment for T-AKE ships damaged or destroyed at vendors located in the Gulf Coast region and to pay for costs associated with labor disruption resulting from the equipment delivery delays.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TRUST FUNDS

GENERAL FUND PAYMENT, SURCHARGE COLLECTIONS, SALES OF
COMMISSARY STORES, DEFENSE

For an additional amount for “General Fund Payment, Surcharge Collections, Sales of Commissary Stores, Defense” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$10,530,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would fund additional costs to clear grounds and debris and rebuild the commissaries at Keesler Air Force Base and the Naval Construction Battalion Center located in Mississippi (\$10.3 million). The request also includes funds to repair other commissaries that were damaged by the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005 (\$0.2 million).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. _____. *Upon his determination that such action is necessary to ensure the appropriate allocation of funds provided to the Department of Defense in this Act, the Secretary of Defense may transfer up to \$300,000,000, of such funds (including military construction appropriations) between such appropriations: Provided, That the Secretary shall notify the Congress promptly of each transfer made pursuant to this authority: Provided further, That the transfer authority provided in this section is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense.*

This provision would allow transfers of funds appropriated in the anticipated supplemental bill, including the military construction accounts. Absent this legislative provision, the Department of Defense’s (DOD’s) flexibility to react to changing conditions as a result of hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005 is restricted. This

provision ensures that transferred funds remain available for the purpose and time period of the account to which they are transferred.

Sec. _____. *Title I of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and Pandemic Influenza, 2006 (Div. B, Public Law 109–148) is amended:*

(a) *in section 201 after the phrase, “between such appropriations,” by adding: “, and from funds made available in this chapter to appropriations provided in chapter 7 of this title”; and*

(b) *by adding at the end of the General Provisions for chapter 7, the following new section: “Sec. 707. The Secretary of Defense may transfer funds between appropriations provided in this chapter: Provided, That the Secretary shall notify the Congress promptly of each transfer made pursuant to this authority.”*

This provision would provide the Department with needed flexibility to allow the transfer of funds between all DOD accounts in Chapter 2 of P.L. 109–148 and all Military Construction accounts in Chapter 7, and within the Military Construction accounts of Chapter 7. This additional authority will allow DOD the ability to respond effectively to changing requirements as temporary recovery and reconstitution operations transition to long-term repair and reconstruction efforts. The number of deployed personnel, support equipment, and temporary lodging arrangements will be replaced by permanent construction efforts, which will vary by region and local conditions, requiring flexible reprogramming between accounts. In addition, the cost of various construction projects is likely to vary from region to region, which will require additional flexibility within the Military Construction accounts.

Sec. _____. *Funds appropriated to the Department of Defense in this Act may be obligated and expended notwithstanding section 504(a)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 414(a)(1)).*

This proposed waiver is necessary in order to authorize DOD and the Intelligence Community to obligate supplemental funds for activities funded through the National Intelligence Program.

OTHER DEFENSE—CIVIL PROGRAMS

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

The following amounts of unobligated balances shall be available for construction, rehabilitation, or expansion of facilities for housing Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH)—Gulfpport residents: from amounts appropriated under this heading in title I of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico (Div. B, P.L. 109–148), \$45,000,000 provided for AFRH-Gulfpport, and from amounts provided for AFRH-DC, \$11,000,000; and unobligated balances of funds provided in fiscal years 1998 through 2004 for construction and renovation of the physical plants at the United States Naval Home/AFRH-Gulfpport.

This language consolidates \$75.7 million of prior appropriations for the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) that have not yet

been obligated. These appropriations will be used to implement the findings of a congressionally-mandated study for rehousing AFRH-Gulfport residents displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The study will be transmitted to the Congress in early March 2006. Consolidating these prior appropriations will assist in providing the necessary flexibility to rehouse those AFRH-Gulfport residents. The amounts proposed for consolidation include funds provided in the recent Katrina supplemental for Gulfport, Mississippi (\$45 million for capital costs) and Washington, D.C. Homes (\$11 million for capital costs), and amounts previously appropriated for a long-term care facility at the AFRH in Gulfport, Mississippi (\$19.7 million for capital costs).

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$13,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That these amounts shall be transferred to the Offices of the Inspector General of the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Labor, and Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency, the General Services Administration, and the Social Security Administration to carry out necessary audits and investigations of funding and programs undertaken by the respective agencies for response and recovery from the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$13.5 million to the Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to be transferred to other Federal OIG offices to support, investigate, and audit recovery activities related to Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for "Construction" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$16,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$16 million to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for build-out costs; replacement items, including the laboratory and seizure vault; and other tenant improvements to rebuild CBP structures in New Orleans, Louisiana.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

OPERATING EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Operating Expenses” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$7,350,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$7.4 million to the U.S. Coast Guard for clean-up and repair needs at facilities that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina and repair or replacement of equipment, materials and supplies lost.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS

For an additional amount for “Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$62,160,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$62.2 million to the U.S. Coast Guard for major repair and reconstruction projects for facilities that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

PREPAREDNESS, MITIGATION, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

For an additional amount for “Preparedness, Mitigation, Response and Recovery” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$5,000,000: Provided, that Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to fill vacant full-time equivalent (FTE) positions which directly contribute to recovery operations. Funding for this initiative is requested in the FY 2007 President’s Budget, and this request would allow FEMA to bring 60 of the requested FTE on-board earlier to address the additional workload generated by the ongoing recovery efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGIONAL OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for “Administrative and Regional Operations” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$70,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$70 million to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to reconstruct and improve existing public alert, warning, and crisis communications systems in the Gulf region.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

DISASTER RELIEF

For an additional amount for “Disaster Relief” for necessary expenses under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), \$9,400,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$9.4 billion to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for disaster relief associated with Hurricane Katrina and the other hurricanes of the 2005 season. This funding will replenish funding that was reallocated from the Disaster Relief Fund in P.L. 109–148. This funding will support ongoing response efforts, including assistance to families and individuals so that they can be sheltered and provided with medical care, housing assistance, and other FEMA disaster assistance benefits. Additionally, funding will support public assistance, emergency protective measures, debris removal, and response activities performed by other Federal agencies pursuant to mission assignments from FEMA under the Stafford Act. This request ensures that Federal disaster response and relief efforts will continue uninterrupted.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

DISASTER ASSISTANCE DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For an additional amount for “Disaster Assistance Direct Loan Program Account” for the cost of direct loans as authorized under section 417 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5184), \$300,000,000, to be used to assist local governments that were affected by Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season in providing essential services: Provided, That such funds may be used to subsidize gross obliga-

tions for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$400,000,000: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 417(b), the amount of any such loan issued pursuant to this section may exceed \$5,000,000: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 417(c)(1), such loans may not be canceled: Provided further, That the cost of modifying such loans shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a): Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

For an additional amount for “Disaster Assistance Direct Loan Program Account” for administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan program, as authorized by section 417 of the Stafford Act, \$1,000,000: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$400 million in loan volume for the Community Disaster Loan program to assist local governments affected by Hurricane Katrina.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Sec. _____. *The Federal Emergency Management Agency may provide funds to a State or local government or, as necessary, assume an existing agreement from such unit of government, to pay for utility costs resulting from the provision of temporary housing units to evacuees from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita if the State or local government has previously arranged to pay for such utilities on behalf of the evacuees for the term of any leases, not to exceed 12 months, contracted by or prior to February 7, 2006, notwithstanding section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174). The Federal share of the costs eligible to be paid shall be 100 percent.*

This language will permit the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to pay for utility costs for those leases negotiated by State and local governments on FEMA’s behalf.

Sec. _____. *Under the heading, “National Flood Insurance Fund,” in the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2006 (P.L. 109–90), delete “\$30,000,000 for interest on Treasury borrowings” and insert “such sums as necessary for interest on Treasury borrowings”.*

This language would amend the 2006 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act in order to allow the National Flood Insurance Fund to pay sufficient interest on the amounts the program has borrowed from the Treasury to pay claims associated with Hurricane Katrina and the other hurricanes of the 2005 season.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for “Tenant-Based Rental Assistance” for housing vouchers for households within the area declared a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$202,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007, of which not to exceed \$6,000,000 is for related administrative costs, including IT costs, of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Provided, That such households shall be limited to those identified under this heading in Division B, Public Law 109–148 and to those which, prior to Hurricane Katrina or Rita, received assistance under section 236 or under section 221(d)(3) pursuant to section 221(d)(5) of the National Housing Act, or section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965: Provided further, That such funds shall be subject to the terms and conditions of amounts provided under this heading in Division B, P.L. 109–148, except that section 8(o)(7)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 shall not apply to funds under such heading and under this heading: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, after providing a first right of return to all households in the St. Bernard, Orleans, Plaquemines, Jefferson, and St. Tammany Parishes eligible for project-based housing assistance under this heading and under this heading in Division B, P.L. 109–148, owners may then offer remaining available dwelling units to city and parish employees from those parishes for a period of not to exceed 12 months: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$202 million to assist approximately 44,000 families that were in Department of Housing and Urban Development assisted housing or were homeless in the areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita prior to the disasters. These funds will cover the remaining 5 months of an 18 month housing assistance program.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

For an additional amount for “Community Development Fund” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$4,200,000,000, to remain available until expended for activities authorized by title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974: Provided, That such funds may not be used for activities reimbursable by or for which funds are made available by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Small Business Administration, or the Army Corps of Engineers: Provided further, That these funds shall be

made available to the State of Louisiana: Provided further, That these funds shall be administered through an entity or entities designated by the Governor of Louisiana: Provided further, That these funds shall not adversely affect the amount of any formula assistance received by Louisiana under this heading: Provided further, That Louisiana may use up to five percent of these funds for administrative costs: Provided further, That these funds are for the purposes of flood mitigation through infrastructure improvements, real property acquisition or relocation, and other means: Provided further, That Louisiana shall certify to the Secretary that such activities will be subject to the requirements of section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c): Provided further, That Louisiana shall submit a plan to the Secretary detailing the proposed use of all funds, including criteria for eligibility and how the use of these funds will address mitigation and infrastructure needs: Provided further, That the plan must be approved by the Secretary as consistent with the requirements of this program: Provided further, That the Secretary may waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary or the use by the recipient of these funds, except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment, upon a request by Louisiana that such waiver is required to facilitate the use of such funds, and a finding that such waiver would not be inconsistent with the overall purpose of the statute or regulation: Provided further, That the Secretary may waive the requirement that activities benefit persons of low and moderate income, except that at least 50 percent of the funds made available herein must benefit primarily persons of low and moderate income unless the Secretary otherwise makes a finding of compelling need: Provided further, That the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register any waiver of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers pursuant to title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 no later than 5 days before the effective date of such waiver: Provided further, That every waiver made by the Secretary must be reconsidered on the two-year anniversary of the day the Secretary published the waiver in the Federal Register: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$4.2 billion for the Community Development Block Grant program. The funding would be used for flood mitigation through infrastructure improvements, real property acquisition or relocation, and other means to reduce the risk of future damages and loss in Louisiana.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

ROYALTY AND OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount for "Royalty and Offshore Minerals Management" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season and for

repayment of advances to other appropriation accounts from which funds were transferred for such purposes, \$15,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$15 million to the Minerals Management Service (MMS) for costs associated with the temporary relocation of the MMS Gulf of Mexico regional office from Louisiana to Houston, Texas, including the costs to purchase new equipment and find temporary offices.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

For an additional amount for "Surveys, Investigations, and Research" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season and for repayment of advances to other appropriation accounts from which funds were transferred for such purposes, \$10,200,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$10.2 million to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for facility and equipment repair needs at USGS sites in the Southeast that were damaged by hurricanes.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for "Construction" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$132,400,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$132.4 million to the Fish and Wildlife Service for immediate clean-up and facility repair needs at 61 national wildlife refuges in the Southeast that were damaged by hurricanes.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

For an additional amount for "Historic Preservation Fund" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress des-

ignates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$3 million to the National Park Service for financial assistance to the State Historic Preservation Officers in States in the Southeast that were damaged by hurricanes.

This funding will assist the States in completing reviews under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. These reviews are a critical step in restoring or repairing historic structures, which are an integral part of the heritage tourism industry in those States.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for "Construction" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$55,400,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$55.4 million to the National Park Service for immediate clean-up and facility repair needs at 12 national parks in the Southeast that were damaged by hurricanes.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses" for necessary expenses related to the prosecutions and investigations related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$9,700,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose: Provided further, That the Attorney General may transfer such amounts as he deems necessary to any other Department of Justice appropriation for hurricane-related prosecution and investigation expenses.

The proposal would provide \$9.7 million to support the prosecution and investigation of cases stemming from hurricanes in the Gulf Coast region. The resources will be used for the costs associated with significant additional caseload relating to the hurricanes and the aftermath.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

For an additional amount for “Construction, Major Projects” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$600,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$600 million for the Department of Veterans Affairs to rebuild the medical center in New Orleans, Louisiana damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Public Law 109–148 included \$75 million for planning and land acquisition for this project.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. _____. *Of the amounts provided under the heading, “Medical Services,” Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, in Division B, title I, Public Law 109–148, \$122,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for hospital activation costs associated with the New Orleans medical center: Provided, That this amount may be transferred to the “Medical administration,” “Medical facilities,” and “Information technology systems” accounts for the purpose of funding activation costs chargeable to those accounts.*

This provision would extend availability of \$122 million included in the previous supplemental (Public Law 109–148) for Medical Services, to be used for activation of the new hospital to be built in New Orleans and will also allow VA to transfer money to the proper medical accounts to fund these activation costs.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL WORKS

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Construction” to reduce the risk of storm damage to the greater New Orleans metropolitan area by restoring the surrounding wetlands through measures to begin to reverse wetland losses in areas affected by navigation, oil and gas, and other channels and through modification of the Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion structure or its operations, \$100,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That these funds shall not be subject to any non-Federal cost-sharing requirement: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for these specific purposes.

The wetlands surrounding greater New Orleans operate as a natural buffer to lessen storm impacts, and are an important part of the overall storm damage reduction system. Nourishing and rebuilding these wetlands will increase the effectiveness of the levees and floodwalls of New Orleans.

This request would provide an additional \$100 million to the Corps of Engineers to reduce the risk of storm damage to greater New Orleans by restoring the surrounding wetlands. These funds are needed to help reduce the risk of loss of life and damage to homes, businesses, and local infrastructure in the metropolitan area.

The Corps would use these funds to begin to reverse wetland losses in areas affected by navigation, oil and gas, and other channels and to improve the performance of the Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion Structure.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL WORKS

FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

For an additional amount for “Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies,” as authorized by section 5 of the Flood Control Act of August 18, 1941, as amended (33 U.S.C. 701n), for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$1,360,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary of the Army is directed to use the funds appropriated herein to modify, at full Federal expense, authorized projects in southeast Louisiana to provide hurricane and storm damage reduction and flood damage reduction in greater New Orleans and surrounding areas, of which \$530,000,000 shall be used to modify the 17th Street, Orleans Avenue and London Avenue drainage canals, and install pumps and closure structures at or near the lakefront; \$250,000,000 shall be used for storm-proofing interior pump stations to ensure their operability during hurricanes, storms and high water events; \$170,000,000 shall be used for armoring critical elements of the New Orleans hurricane and storm damage reduction system; \$350,000,000 shall be used to improve protection at the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal; and \$60,000,000 shall be used for incorporation of certain non-Federal levees in Plaquemines Parish into the existing Federal levee system: Provided further, That any project using funds appropriated herein shall be initiated only after non-Federal interests have entered into binding agreements with the Secretary to pay 100 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation costs of the project and to hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction or operation and maintenance of the project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for these specific purposes.

This request would provide a total of \$1.36 billion for the Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies account of the Corps of Engineers—Civil Works for several measures necessary to achieve the President’s commitment of stronger and better protection for New Orleans, Louisiana.

The request includes \$530 million to modify three interior drainage canals (17th Street, Orleans Avenue, and London Avenue) and install state-of-the-art pumping stations and closure structures at the outfall ends of the canals. The closure structures will help pre-

vent storm surge from Lake Ponchartrain from entering the canals, and the new pumping stations will convey water from the canals to the lake.

Also included is \$250 million to storm proof existing, authorized Federal pump stations in Orleans and Jefferson parishes. Storm-proofing measures will provide more protection against hurricane force winds, storm surge, and inundation so the drainage pumps and equipment can remain operable during hurricanes, storms, and high water events.

In addition, the request includes \$170 million for armoring of levees and floodwalls at critical portions of the New Orleans hurricane and storm damage reduction system, including structural transition points such as pipeline crossings or junctures between levees and floodwalls; floodwall bases; and on sections of levees likely to be exposed to extreme surge and wave wash.

For improved protection along the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC), the request includes \$350 million which could be used to construct two closure structures—one at Seabrook, where the IHNC enters Lake Ponchartrain, and another on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

The request also includes \$60 million to incorporate the Plaquemines parish non-Federal levee along the west bank of the Mississippi River into the existing Federal levee system authorized under the New Orleans to Venice hurricane protection project, in order to protect the evacuation route.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount for “Environmental Programs and Management” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$6,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$6 million for increased environmental monitoring, assessment, and analytical support necessary to protect public health during ongoing recovery and reconstruction efforts. This work will include the enhancement of air monitoring networks to assess the air quality effects of open burning of storm debris and increased construction-related emissions.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

For an additional amount for “Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program,” to be derived from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$7,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That Congress designates the amounts provided herein as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request for an additional \$7 million addresses the most immediate underground storage tank needs in areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Funding would enable site assessments of leaking tanks to immediately identify and initiate the appropriate corrective actions.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

FEDERAL BUILDINGS FUND

For an additional amount for "Federal Buildings Fund" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, \$37,000,000, from the General Fund and to remain available until expended: Provided, That notwithstanding 40 U.S.C. 3307, the Administrator of General Services is authorized to proceed with repairs and alterations for affected buildings: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purposes.

This request would provide \$37 million for the short- and long-term repair and alterations of buildings damaged by the hurricanes of 2005. Multiple Federal buildings in the Gulf Coast received significant water and wind damage as a result of the hurricanes during 2005. These funds will pay for the continuing clean-up and repair work that is necessary to make these facilities safe and fully functional.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DISASTER LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For an additional amount for the "Disaster Loans Program Account" for the costs of disaster loans authorized by section 7(b) of the Small Business Act, \$1,254,000,000, to remain available until expended; from this amount up to \$90,000,000 plus an amount equal to any amounts previously reprogrammed from disaster loan administrative expenses and used to provide credit subsidy during fiscal year 2006 are available for administrative expenses to carry out the disaster loan program, which amount may be transferred to and merged with appropriations for Salaries and Expenses: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose: Provided further, That amounts provided herein may be transferred to "Disaster Relief," Federal Emergency Management Agency, to reimburse any funding to be provided under that heading to the "Disaster Loans Program Account" during FY 2006.

This request would provide \$1.3 billion for credit subsidy and administrative funds to make loans to homeowners, renters, and businesses for recovery costs. In addition, it allows the Small Business Administration to reimburse the Federal Emergency Management

Agency (FEMA) for any funds transferred from FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund to the Disaster Loans Program Account.

